

KĀKAU: WRITING | *A Summary*

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- ✓ A well-written memoir is the result of a set of deliberate choices (made by you) about what to share and how to share it.
- ✓ Memoirs are often referred to as creative nonfiction, which means that while it's based on a true story, it's presented as a story in the same way fiction is.
- ✓ How a character is portrayed and introduced to a reader is paramount, especially if that character is you.
- ✓ Plots are the story behind the story.
- ✓ Story arc is the map that leads the way.
- ✓ Themes inform the reader what your memoir is about so they know what to expect.
- ✓ Details are the cream of a story and enrich your memoir.
- ✓ Show, don't tell. Let the reader experience the story so they become a part of the story.
- ✓ Dialogue helps move the story forward and imparts additional information to the reader.
- ✓ Every memoirist needs a first draft, however imperfect, awkward, embarrassing or terrible the draft may be. One you have a first draft, the fun begins.

For more insights on writing, read *Writing the Hawai'i Memoir* by Darien Gee.
Available at bookstores and online at www.bookshawaii.net.